Visualizing Industrial Dynamics via Stock Market

Visualizing Industrial Dynamics Through Represented Stock Capital Changes Over about the Past Decade.

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Project Proposal

1.1 Basic info

1. **Project title:** Visualize Dynamics of Stock Market

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1.2 Background & Motivation

Analyzing the industrial structure offers an effective perspective for investment analysis. Over time spans ranging from several decades to a century, countless emerging industries have been born and have flourished, while older, less competitive industries have been phased out or downgraded. Observing and analyzing these trends provides valuable insights, allowing for predictions of economic cycles and offering macroeconomic investment guidance.

Industries are always evolving, driven by technological advances, consumer behavior, and regulations. New industries, like digital technology, renewable energy, and biotechnology, have created significant growth opportunities by challenging older business models and reshaping markets on the most recent decades. These sectors can offer high returns to investors who recognize and invest in them early. On the other hand, older industries that fail to adapt may decline, as seen with traditional manufacturing in many developed countries. Understanding which industries are likely to struggle can help investors adjust their portfolios to avoid potential losses.

By systematically monitoring these industrial shifts, investors can develop a more nuanced understanding of economic cycles. They can identify emerging opportunities and potential risks, and allocate their capital more efficiently. Such analysis is essential for formulating long-term investment strategies that align with evolving economic realities.

1.3 Project Objectives

In this project, we aim to provide an effective method for visualizing the dynamics of industrial structures. The major questions we wants to answer is:

- 1. What are the general patterns of the market (economic cycle patterns)?
- 2. Do industries developments reflect economic cycle patterns (cyclical/counter-cyclical industry)?
- 3. Are industries growth balanced over a limited period?

4. Are there significant events that have had observable impacts on certain industries?

We believe these four questions are crucial for understanding how industries perform relative to the overall economic cycle at a limit time-span and for making informed investment decisions.

Considerations for Project Execution and Progress:

Note. Rather than creating our own classification standards, we will use the **Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS)**, which is widely adopted in the industry[1, 2]. There are numerous economic indicators that can reflect changes in industries, but we want to keep our approach straightforward and focused. Given that **stock market capitalization** is a direct indicator of industrial trends, preferences, and the development of companies and industries, we will use the **market capitalizations of a few representative stocks within each sector** as our key metric. This will allow us to visualize how their market values have changed over a certain period.

Since this is a short-term project designed for a single semester, we will limit the time frame of the data we visualize to **the most recent 5-10 years**, essentially covering up to a decade. This time frame will provide us with a manageable yet meaningful period for observing significant trends and shifts within various industries.

By focusing on a concise time span and using a clear, widely recognized standard like GICS, we believe our visualization will offer a practical tool for understanding industry dynamics without overwhelming complexity.

1.4 Data

1.4.1 GICS Industrial Sector and Industry

The Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) is a widely recognized system for categorizing companies into specific sectors and industries, developed by MSCI and S&P Global in 1999, providing a consistent framework for analyzing companies worldwide, allowing investors and analysts to compare performance and trends across various sectors and industries. It divides the global market into 11 sectors, 24 industry groups, 69 industries, and 158 sub-industries, covering the full spectrum of economic activities.

For this project, we will use GICS to classify companies and industries with sector and industry tag. To be specific, we will select the stock based on this classification. The stock will be clustered respected to such tag. A group of stock within the same industrial tag will be grouped up to reflect the development of such industry. We will use 2-level of the classification information, which means specify to GICS industry group (omitting industies-level and sub-industries-level). Such classification information can be found at GICS white paper book.

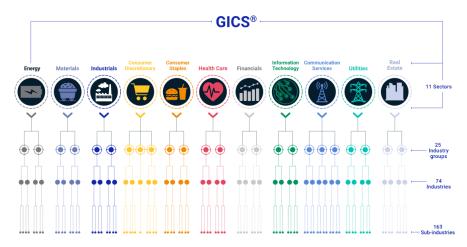


Figure 1.1: GICS Overview.

1.4.2 Stock Code with Tag

On the next stage, we will obtain the stock code list based on GICS Industrial sector and industry, which means we will select a group of represented stock with stock code based on GICS classification. Fortunately, we found a public data based on S&P 500 (2022), which collects totally 512 stock with {Ticker Exchange, GICS Sector, GICS Industry Group, GICS Industry, GICS Sub-Industry} as meta-data. This data can be found at Here.

GICS Sector GICS Industry Group GICS Industry GICS Sub-Industry

Figure 1.2: Attribute: stock code based on GICS.

1.4.3 Stock meta-data

Finally, with the tagged stock code list, we will query a public database to obtain the meta-data of each single stock. The meta-data we queried for each stock will contain closing pric, market capitalization, trading volume, etc, combined with its stock code and GICS tag.

The public open source stock meta-data database we are going to query is: AKShare. We will use 5-10 years (end for 2024.8) with week-level interval data. This meta-data has to be query within Python. On the next section we will show the data processing strategy to format our data.

1.5 Data Processing

We will collect and manipulate our data to form a final format. Each entry of the data will have these attributes:

- 1. Time (quantity): date of the stock
- 2. Stock code (category): the code of the represented stock
- 3. Closing price (quantity): the closing price of the stock
- 4. Market capitalization (quantity): the market capitalization of the stock
- 5. Trading volume (quantity): the trade volume of the stock

- 6. GICS sector tag (category): one of the 11 GICS sector tag
- 7. GICS industry tag (category): one of the 25 GICS industry tag

1.6 Visualization Design

1.6.1 Overview

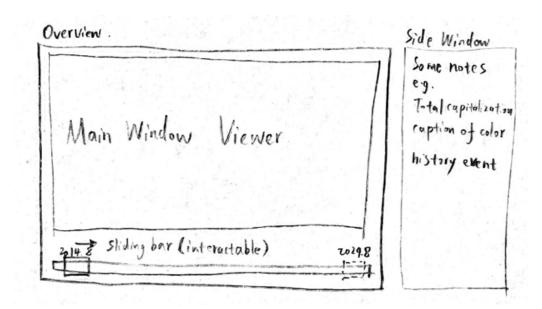


Figure 1.3: Overview of the visualization.

Figure 4.1 provides an overview of our visualization interface. The main interface consists of a side panel for displaying notes, an interactive sliding bar (timeline), and a central viewer for visualization. As the user adjusts the timeline slider, the content in the main viewer dynamically updates to reflect the selected time frame. The side panel presents relevant text, such as important historical events and other contextual information.

1.6.2 Specific design on main windows

The main window will display stock prices corresponding to each GICS sector or industry to illustrate the evolution of a given industry. It will present both the performance of individual stocks and the total market capitalization of the entire industry. To achieve this, we have developed three potential solutions:

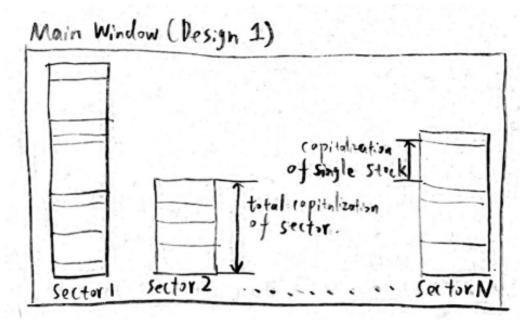


Figure 1.4: Design 1: Using stacked bar diagram.

The first idea we considered was using a traditional stacked bar chart (Fig. 1.4) to visualize the data. However, this approach was discarded for two main reasons. First, if a single industry grows rapidly, the axis may change significantly, leading to an axis-compression problem, where a large maximum scale can obscure smaller values. Second, each industry or sector may include stocks of varying sizes, which can create issues when stacking them on a unified scale. Despite these drawbacks, this design does effectively display both the total market capitalization and the values of individual stocks.

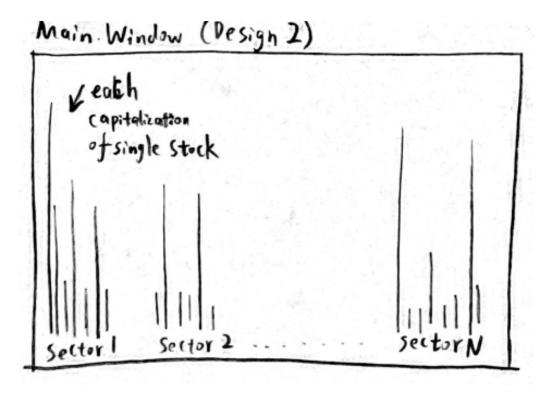


Figure 1.5: Design 2: Using separated bar diagram.

Another idea is to visualize the data using separate bar charts arranged horizontally (Fig. 1.5), with each chart representing the price of an individual stock. While this design effectively highlights the specific value of each stock, it struggles to convey the total market capitalization of each sector or industry. The total capitalization is represented by the combined area of all the horizontal bars. However, this design gave us the insight that using area as a key factor can effectively illustrate relative quantities in a visually intuitive and compelling way.

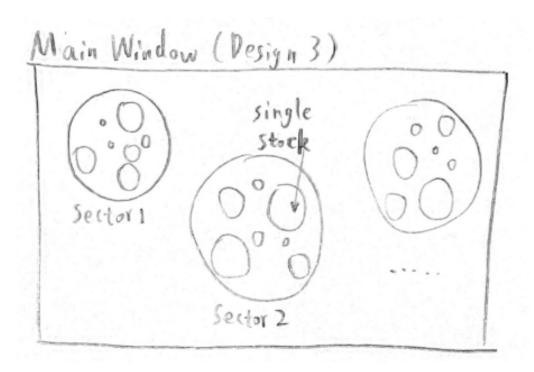


Figure 1.6: Design final: Using bubble diagram.

The final design involves using a clustered circle visualization to represent each sector's or industry's total capitalization, with smaller circles within each cluster representing individual stock prices (see Fig. 1.6). We believe this design offers two main advantages: First, it efficiently displays the relative value of each sector, as sectors or industries are naturally grouped together. Second, it clearly distinguishes each individual stock within the cluster. Additionally, by using circles to represent data, we eliminate the issue associated with using a vertical axis with a unified scale. Smaller stocks appear as points on the display, while more developed stocks are represented by larger circles. This dynamic representation is also intuitive as the user adjusts the timeline (see Fig. 1.7).

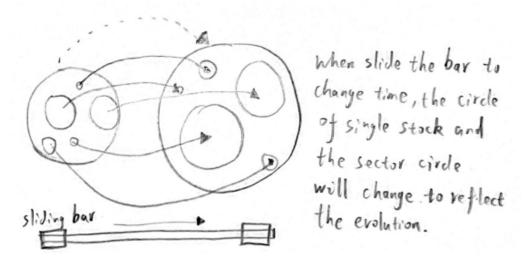


Figure 1.7: Dynamics of bubble diagram when sliding the time bar.

We also provided an stretch up of our optional feature (see Fig. 1.8): as the time bar is adjusted, a separate window will display the total capitalization value of each sector or industry using a line chart.

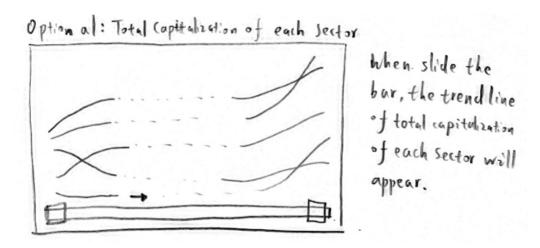


Figure 1.8: Optional feature: display the total capitalization.

1.7 Must-Have Features

Here we list some of the must have features:

- 1. On the bottom of the visualization windows, there should be a sliding timeline, which allow users to interact with the windows to show different time period of the market.
- 2. The main window can display clustered data, each cluster are based on GICS sector/industry classifications.
- 3. On each cluster, there should be a set of circles to represent single stock. The diameter of the circles should reflect the price of such stock.

1.8 Option Features

Here we list some optional features.

- 1. Another separate window displays the total market capitalization of each sector and industry (summation of single stock's capitalization within it), reflecting the overall economic development situation.
- 2. Another separate window displays the percentage of each sector or industry relative to the total market capitalization (summation of all).

1.9 Project Schedule

Our schedule:

- 1. Week 5-6: Finish the data collection and data processing.
- 2. Week 7-8: Add a sliding timeline, which allow the user to interact with. Main window can reflect the action of such time.
- 3. Week 9: Adding circles to display the stock data.
- 4. Week 10: Finalize the project to make it beautiful.

Data Processing

This chapter is filled on Oct.19, 2024.

2.1 The meta-data required

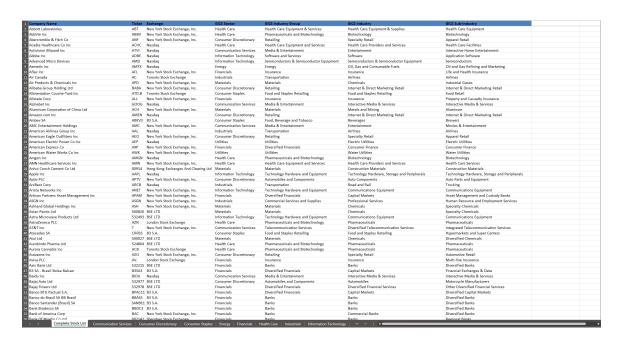
In the previous section of the project proposal, we confirmed that this project are going to use the U.S. stock market capitalization to reflect industry development trends and capital flow (using GICS industry classification standard). Therefore, we first need to collect and manipulate the data.

Specifically, the following data is required:

- 1. GICS industry classification stock codes
- 2. The meta-data of all stocks through these codes
- 3. Stock prices calculated from the meta-data
- 4. (Optional) Other clustering data, such as the total value of a specific industry

2.2 The Crawler and feeding data structure

Firstly, we researched GICS industry classification data and used data from here to obtain the stock codes classified by GICS sector and industry categories within the S&P 500 index. At the same time, we made data cleaning to narrow to the U.S. market stocks.



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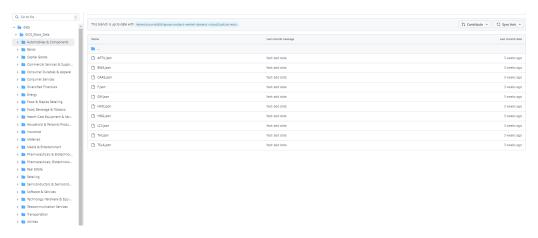


Figure 2.1: The data storage structure.

Figure 2.2: The meta-data for each stock.

Further, we used the AKShare API to collect the interval data of these stocks from 2017 to 2024. We stored these meta-data in a JSON file based on GICS industry classification and processed them with database scripts (e.g., JavaScript) for our webpage usage.

Project Review Feedback

This chapter is filled on Sep 27th, 2024.

3.1 Project Review Feedback

On Sep 27th, we scheduled a project review with the TA. During the meeting, we briefly introduced the project's motivation, functionality, and the questions we aimed to answer. We then presented the interactive features we wanted to implement and the way the main interface would display the data. Lastly, we introduced the data we had collected so far and how we processed it to form a JSON storage structure that could be used in JavaScript. The TA acknowledged our progress and approved our project topic. He also provided several suggestions:

- 1. On the main interface, consider adding an introduction to the industrial classification standard, GICS.
- 2. When displaying stock market values at each time point, as per the initial plan, the main interface currently shows the market value of individual stocks in a scatter plot, but it lacks detailed information about individual stocks. If users are interested in more details, it is difficult to follow up. Therefore, additional stock information under the industry classification (such as company name, stock price, market value, trading liquidity, etc.) could be displayed in some side windows, or dynamic labels could be added to the main interface for further details.

Midterm Milestone

This chapter is filled on Oct 25th, 2024.

4.1 Current progress

At this midterm milestone, we have successfully launched a web-based visualization platform that effectively organizes and integrates our comprehensive dataset. The platform features a robust data storage architecture that seamlessly feeds into various visualization components.

The interactive interface we have developed demonstrates successful data binding and user engagement capabilities. Our primary visualization component incorporates a dynamic time slider, enabling users to explore market capitalization trends across different GICS industries at any given point in time.

Beyond the main "Overview" visualization, we have implemented detailed analytical views for individual GICS industries. These industry-specific visualizations consist of:

- 1. A bar chart displaying comparative market capitalization data
- 2. A line chart tracking historical performance trends
- 3. Detailed stock information for deeper analysis

This integrated approach provides users with both broad market perspectives and granular industry-specific insights, all accessible through an intuitive interface.

4.1.1 Functionality

There is a sliding bar on the bottom of the visualization window. The user can use this bar to adjust time to view dynamic process.

4.1.2 Overview

The overview visualization takes all the single stock within the GICS industry as a cluster with each circle's radius reflects the capitalization of the single stock.

4.1.3 GICS Single Industry and Stock Details

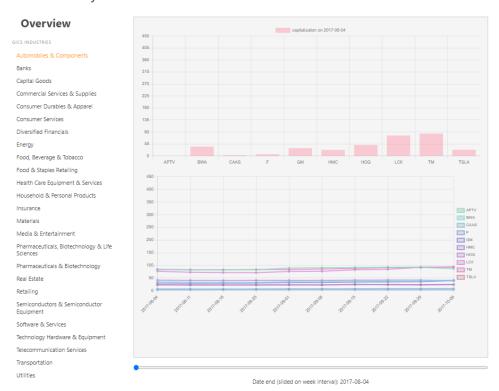
When the user click the side contents of the GICS industry, the main visualization will display the details of single stock within this industry. The bottom view will also show history information of the stocks.

Stock Market Dynamics Visualization

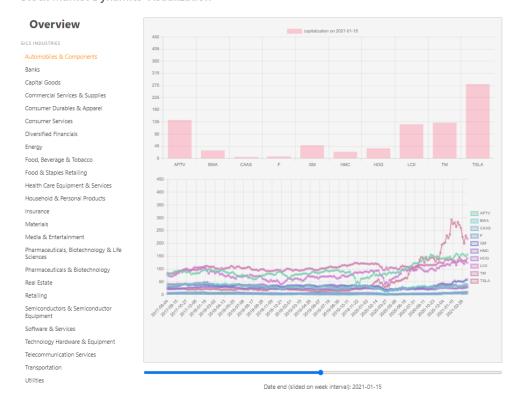


Figure 4.1: Overview: this visualization can display the result as an overview to each of the GICS industry.

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4.1.4 Future Plan

The current release serves as an interim milestone, with several key enhancements planned for the next version:

- 1. **Enhanced Layout Organization.** We plan to restructure the page layout to achieve better integration between GICS industry categories, stock details, and the overview visualization. This reorganization aims to provide a more intuitive and cohesive user experience.
- 2. Advanced Overview Visualization. The current overview display shows individual stock bubbles based on market capitalization. In the next iteration, we will implement hierarchical clustering, where each GICS industry will be represented by a larger encompassing bubble, with its radius proportional to the industry's total market capitalization, while maintaining individual stock representations within each cluster.
- 3. Comprehensive Axis Labeling. We will enhance the chart components by ensuring all axes are properly labeled and visible, particularly focusing on adding clear y-axis labels and scales to improve data interpretation and readability.

Design process



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